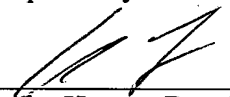


REMARKS

The claims are amended to be directed to the elected subject matter. The Office Action alleges that the elected group has R^{1a} and R^{1b} coming together to form a trimethylene group. However, the elected species, i.e., the first compound of claim 20 has R^{1a} and R^{1b} as both methyl. In accord with the telephone conference with the Examiner on September 20, 2004, applicants maintained the definition of R^{1a} and R^{1b} to contain a trimethylene group together or methyl for both. The Examiner indicated that such subject matter to the extent it has not already been searched, will be searched. Applicants thank the Examiner for her kindness and help in furthering the prosecution of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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